

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
April 4, 2007 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the home of Helmut & Irene Wittbecker.

Members In Attendance: Don & Barb Betlej, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Jerry Horzewski, Mary Howell, Gary Metzger, Jim Remus, Helmut Wittbecker, Joanne Ziarek.

Minutes Of Previous Meeting: The minutes of March 7th, 2007 will be revised, corrected & reissued.

March Membership Meeting Attendance: 35

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Treasurer's Report: Tom Courtney presented the March Statement of Accounts. There are 106 paid members, 4-life time, and 14 complimentary, for a total of 124. The report was approved for audit.

Correspondence: Tom Courtney has informed the library that there will be no more Vintners Press publications at the present time.

Advanced Winemaking Program/Vintner's Press: If at some time the Vintner's Press is re-established, the advanced winemaking projects could be used. Howard Hasselkus also suggested that there are so many old Vintner's Presses, that perhaps they could be recycled.

Membership List: The membership list has been sent to all members. Don Betlej also added that the list is on the club website and is password protected.

Club Assets: The club glasses will be handled by the Howells. Also, Tom Courtney has the filters for the club filter.

Newsletters: Don Betlej will do the issues for both May and June.

State Fair Wine Judging: Don Betlej and Howard Hasselkus report that following last years event, they are pretty well organized. There will also be a limited judging of wines on Friday night, to get some of the judging done and also to work out any possible problems. It was also discussed whether the club should continue the event. It was decided that as long as there was enough interest, judges and stewards, that it would continue. This year there will be two Best Of Shows, one in the sweet category and one dry/semi-sweet.

Club Wine Judging: Don Betlej said it went well. Like State Fair, it's all pretty well organized.

Central Wisconsin Wine Club Challenge: Howard Hasselkus reported that although he thought there could be some improvements made, it went rather well.

Nominating Committee: Jerry Horzewski reports the slate will be presented at the April 11th membership meeting.

Candidates are:

President – Joanne Ziarek

Vice President – Tim Larsen

Recording Secretary – Mary Howell

Corresponding Secretary – Don Betlej

Treasurer – Tom Courtney

Sargeant-At-Arms – Mary Scovronski

Members At Large – Mike Bell, Rick Markham, & Jim Remus

Dinner Dance: The date has been set for February 2, 2008. A discussion ensued as to whether the dinner dance should remain at the Latvian House, or moved to Clifford's or some other location. Although no conclusions were reached, it was decided that a survey would be handed out at the May membership meeting, encouraging members to voice their opinions.

Microphone System: It was suggested that perhaps we have a two microphone system instead of the current single one. Our current system will not support two microphones so the club would have to purchase a new system. The board decided to stay with the current system, but if it fails, they will consider a larger two mic system.

Memorials: The board decided it would address each situation independently, and will keep track of what is done for each individual.

Vintner's Press John Rauenbuehler Memorial: Tom Courtney is looking for input from members.

Programs/Upcoming Events:

April 11th – April Membership Meeting, Clifford's
May 12th – Board meeting at Lakefront Brewery, 10:00 am
May 16th – May Membership Meeting, Clifford's
May 18th & 19th – State Fair Judging
June 6th – Board meeting at the home of Chuck & Mary Howell
June 9th – Bus Trip to Wollersheim Winery
July Board meeting ? TBA
July 11th – Lakefront Brewery cookout
August 18th – Picnic - Calhoun Park, New Berlin

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Howell

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